



CANCER BURDEN

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,334,100 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 33,400 in Georgia.
- 556,500 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 13,900 in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Georgia: 205.7 **National:** 202.3

Georgia ranks 27th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 4,600 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Georgia.
- 4,200 men and women will die of lung cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Georgia	National
Overall	61.4	56.8
White	62.5	56.7
Black	58.5	66.4
Hispanic	14.7	25.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	16.7	28.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	42.5	37.2

BREAST CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 5,400 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Georgia.
- 1,000 women will die of breast cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Georgia	National
Overall	27.1	27.7
White	25.1	27.2
Black	34.2	35.9
Hispanic	12.5	17.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	7.9	12.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.9

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,300 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Georgia.
- 1,300 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Georgia	National
Overall	19.0	21.2
White	17.4	20.7
Black	25.6	28.5
Hispanic	11.0	14.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	10.7	13.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	14.7

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2003, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 5,700 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Georgia.
- 700 men will die of prostate cancer in Georgia.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1996–2000³

	Georgia	National
Overall	40.2	32.9
White	30.6	30.2
Black	82.9	73.0
Hispanic	-	24.3
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	13.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	21.9

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2003. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2003. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. Georgia death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1996–2000. Death rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

³ Hyphens represent suppression of rates when there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.